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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not disclose to form a high voltage gate oxide film on the buffer nitride film and etching portions of the high voltage gate oxide and buffer nitride films disposed over the low voltage device forming region leaving the high voltage gate oxide and buffer nitride films intact on top of the high voltage device forming region in conjunction with the other claim limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chandra Chaudhari whose telephone number is 571-272-1688. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri (9:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bill Baumeister can be reached on 571-272-1722. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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